B I R D C A L E N D A R – 1930 – 26th Y E A R

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Winter residents and winter migrants have been observed again in increasing numbers. Whether the larger number of people putting out food both in city and country has had anything to do with this is hard to say. Grain dealers report almost double the sale of food for birds. If this does not increase the number of birds staying with us, it certainly makes life more enjoyable for those that do remain.

For the last few years there has been much debate concerning starlings. From the writer's own observation, and reports from many observers, one can make a statement that has some semblance of correct judgment, that the starlings are becoming adjusted to a new balance in nature and that their number is not on the increase.

Dean Henry Turner Bailey reports observing in Lake View Cemetery February 2nd and 23rd a Carolina Wren. According to Chapman (Birds of North America, Page 476) this wren is a tolerably common permanent resident in Northern Ohio. However, in the twenty-five years this bulletin has been issued there have been but three reports of the Carolina wren. Mr. H.C. Pallister reported April 1, 1910 that a Carolina wren began a nest on a window ledge of a house in Newburg March 28th and had completed the nest March 30th no eggs were laid.

Dr. Knowles reported observing one on Warner Road May 10, 1914, and in the same year Mr. Storer reported several remaining during the winter of 1909 and 1910 in Wade Park and also quite a number in Macedonia.

Dawson in his "Birds of Ohio" (page 262), while still noting that the Carolina wren is rare in northern Ohio, also notes that "the geographical movement of this species is a typical example of the northward trend to which Professor Lynds Jones has so ably called attention in his recent Catalogue of the Birds of Ohio".

There may be some difficulty in identification which has caused the dearth of reports of this bird, but if this is remembered, that it is the largest of the wrens and the most active, if such a comparison can be made among wrens, some of our many observers should find it and the writer desires reports of each observation.

Quoting from a letter from Mr. C.M. Shipman, is passed on to you an interesting story.

"Philip at Chester Brooks told me a funny thing. He says he thinks that the tame wood ducks at their place (males) are beaten up, as it were, by the wild males which mate with the tame females and the tame males hang around the coops and do not go out for that reason. Wild males and tame females mate and the tame males driven inside by these scrappy wild males. Interesting if true".

Following the usual custom in the present calendar, the record is kept alphabetically, having in mind the entire designation of each bird, as it appears to be most familiar

to the uninitiated. Abbreviations are: W.M. – winter migrant; P.R. – permanent resident; S.M. – spring migrant.

1. Coot; March 15, (S.M.) C.M. Shipman reports on small lakes near Youngstown, "Indefinite number and so tame you could get within twenty feet of them."
2. American Crow; Jan 7, (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, Public Square, Cleveland. Jan. 15 (P.R.) D.E. Johnson, Thompson, Ohio. Feb. 22, (S.M.) F. N.Shankland, Willoughby. Feb. 23, (S.M.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
3. American Golden Eye; Jan. 25, (S.M.) C.M. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Road, Cleveland Heights.
4. American Goldfinch; Jan. 25, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Gordon Park.
5. American Merganser; Jan. 19, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Gordon Park.
6. Black-capped Chickadee; January (P.R.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery; Feb. 22 (P.R.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby, Ohio.
7. Bluebird; Feb. 20, (S.M.) C.M. Shipman, Vermillion, Ohio; Feb. 22 (S.M.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby, Ohio. Feb. 22, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio; March 5, (S.M.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery. March 16, (S.M.) D.E. Johnson, Boston Mill.
8. Blue Jay; Jan. 12 (P.R.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby, Ohio; Jan. 12 (P.R.) C.M. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.
9. Bob White Quail; (P.R.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery; W.H. Watterson, Shaker Lakes.
10. Bronzed Grackle; Feb. 19, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Gordon Park. Feb. 25, (S.M.) D.E. Johnson, Adelbert Campus. Feb. 26, (S.M.) C.M. Shipman, Willoughby; also first spring peepers (frogs) in valley. March 10, (S.M.) F.N.Shankland, Willoughby, March 15, (S.M.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
11. Brown Creeper; Jan. 12, (probably stayed over winter), W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio. April 1, (S.M.) C.M. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Road, Cleveland Heights.
12. Canvasback Duck; Jan. 19 (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Gordon Park.
13. Cardinal; Jan. 5, (P.R.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery; Jan. 15 (P.R.) C.M. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; March 19, (P.R.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby, Ohio.
14. Carolina Wren; Feb. 2, and Feb. 23, (P.R.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
15. Cedar Waxwing; Feb. 22, (P.R.) D.E. Johnson, South Madison.
16. Cowbird; March 16, (S.M.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby. March 16, (S.M.) D.E. Johnson, Boston Mill.
17. Downy Woodpecker; Feb. 22 (P.R.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby, Ohio; (W.R.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
18. Fox Sparrow; Dec. and Jan. (P.R.) C.M. Shipman fed fox sparrows at Willoughby. They ate sunflower seeds. Feb. 23 (S.M.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
19. Golden Crowned Kinglet; Jan. 5 (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, Shaker Lakes.
20. Great Horned Owl; Jan. 12, (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio. March 9 (P.R.) C.M. Shipman, Vermilion – pair nesting in large tree, female flew.

21. Green Winged Teal; March 15, (S.M.) C.M. Shipman, small lakes near Youngstown, Ohio.
22. Hairy Woodpecker; Feb. 22, (P.R.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby. (P.R.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
23. Herring Gull; Jan. 2, (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio.
24. Holboell's Grebe; Jan. 19 (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Gordon Park.
25. Junco; (W.M.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery. (W.M.) C.M. Shipman, Willoughby, Ohio; March 28 (W.M.) C.M. Finfrock, Warrensville Center Road, near Laurel School.
26. Killdeer; Feb 21, (S.M.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby; Feb. 22 (S.M.) D.E. Johnson, South Madison; March 21, (S.M.) C.M. Shipman in his yard in Willoughby, Ohio.
27. Lesser Scaup Duck; Jan. 25, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Gordon Park.
28. Mallard Duck; March 15, (S.M.) C.M. Shipman, a pair at Youngstown.
29. Marsh Hawk; Feb. 22, (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio. March 9, (P.R.) C.M. Shipman, Vermilion, Ohio.
30. Meadowlark; Feb. 2, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio; Feb. 8, (S.M.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby; March 16, (S.M.) D.E. Johnson, Moreland Blvd.; March 16 (S.M.) Mrs. R.E. Ruedy, Noble Road, Cleveland Hts.
31. Northern Flicker; Jan. 15, (S.M.) D.E. Johnson, near Cleveland; Feb. 22, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, O.
32. Northern Pileated Woodpecker; Jan. 12 (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio.
33. Old Squaw Duck; Jan. 25, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Gordon Park.
34. Phoebe; Feb. 20 (S.M.) C.M. Shipman, Vermilion, Ohio. This is one of the earliest records for the Phoebe.
35. Pine Siskin; Jan. 15 (W.M.) D.E. Johnson, Hiram, Ohio.
36. Snow Bunting; (W.M.) C.M. Shipman, Ridge Road, Willoughby.
37. Pintail Duck; March 15, (S.M.) C.M. Shipman, on small lakes near Youngstown (25).
38. Prairie Horned Lark; Feb. 2, (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio. Feb. 22, (P.R.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby. Feb. 22, C.M. Shipman, three flocks of about 20 in a flock, near Chardon, Ohio.
39. Purple Finch; March 25, (W.M.) D.E. Johnson, Edgehill and Overlook Roads.
40. Red-bellied Woodpecker; Jan. 12, (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio.
41. Red-breasted Merganser; Feb. 1, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Gordon Park.
42. Red-breasted Nuthatch; Jan. 1, (P.R.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby; Feb. 18, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio; March 3, (S.M.) Dean Bailey, sunken road north of Art Museum in Wade Park.
43. Red Shoulder Hawk; Feb. 18, (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, N. Olmsted, Ohio.
44. Redwinged Blackbird; Feb. 22, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio; March 18, (S.M.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
45. Ringbilled Gull; Jan. 25, (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, Gordon Park.
46. Ringnecked Duck; Feb. 8, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Gordon Park; March 15, C.M. Shipman, Youngstown, Ohio, on small lakes counted 42.
47. Ringnecked Pheasant; March 22, (P.R.) C.M. Finfrock, Warrensville Center Road.

48. Robin; Feb. 21, (S.M.) Mrs. R.E. Ruedy, Noble Road; Feb. 21, (S.M.) C.M. Shipman, Willoughby; Feb. 22 (S.M.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby, Ohio; W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio.
49. Ruby Crowned Kinglet; March 30, (S.M.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
50. Ruffed Grouse; Feb. 2, (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn.
51. Savannah Sparrow; March 8, (S.M.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
52. Screech Owl; Feb. 21, (P.R.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby, Ohio.
53. Sharp Shinned Hawk; Jan. 15, (P.R.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery; Feb. 2, (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio.
54. Song Sparrow; Feb. 22 (S.M.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby, Ohio. Song sparrow wintering here is reported by Dean Bailey in Lake View Cemetery; also by W.H. Watterson, Shaker Lakes.
55. White-breasted Nuthatch; Jan. 1, (P.R.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby, Ohio; (W.R.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
56. Winter Wren; Jan. 12, (W.M.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio; Jan. 15, (W.M.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
57. Sparrow Hawk; Jan. 12, (P.R.) W.H. Watterson, Auburn, Ohio; March 15, (P.R.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby, Ohio; March 23, Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
58. Starling; Jan. 1, (P.R.) F.N. Shankland, Willoughby, Ohio; Jan. 15, (P.R.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
59. Surf Scoter; Jan. 19, (S.M.) W.H. Watterson, Gordon Park.
60. Tree Sparrow; Jan. [no date], (W.M.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery; Jan. 1, (W.M.) W.H. Watterson, Shaker Lakes; Jan. 1, (W.M.) C.M. Shipman, Willoughby, Ohio; Feb. 22, (W.M.) D.E. Johnson, South Madison.
61. Tufted Titmouse; (W.R.) W.H. Watterson, Shaker Lakes; March 23, (P.R.) Dean Bailey, Lake View Cemetery.
62. Towhee; March 9, (S.M.) Mrs. R.E. Ruedy, Noble Road, Cleveland Heights; March 20, (S.M.) C.M. Shipman, four males feeding on porch, Willoughby, Ohio.
63. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; March 28, (S.M.) C.M. Finfrock, 3186 Oak Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.